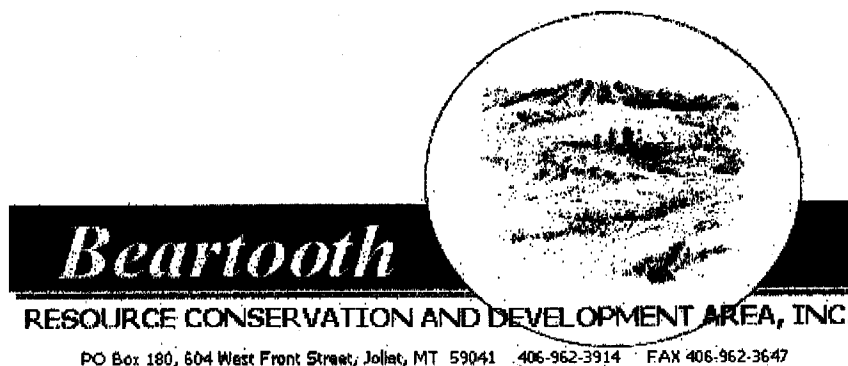


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February 8, 2007

Senator David Wanzonried

Dear Senator,

I am writing to urge passage of SB337 on behalf of the five south-central counties represented by Beartooth RC&D Area, Inc.: Big Horn, Carbon, Yellowstone, Stillwater, and Sweet Grass. Our development organization has been working on educating our communities of the benefits of wind energy production for several years. We believe that these kinds of projects provide excellent opportunities for small communities to capitalize on one of our most bountiful resources.

Although Montana residents bear witness to this resource year in and out, we have been one of the last in the country to take advantage of it. We know that large developments like Judith Gap will continue to be erected across the state. However, we also encourage the smaller class of developments supported by the effort behind SB337. These size generally produce longer lasting results with greater cumulative benefits for our small, rural communities.

Thank you,

Marvin Carter
by Silbann Kautson

Marvin Carter
Vice Chairman